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CITY MUST PAY FORTUNES FOR REPAIRS ON THE CHIEF STREETS

Principal Thoroughfares Allowed to Fall Into Almost Impassable State of Ruinous Disrepair.

Negligence of Administration Will Cause Taxpayers to Pay Several Times What They Should for This Work.

General complaint is made over the condition of many of the principal thoroughfares of Bridgeport. North Main street from Olive street to the Newtown line is in horrible shape. North avenue from the river to the Fairfield line is scarcely passable. Clinton avenue, from a point just above the junction with Fairfield avenue, until it meets North avenue, is in very bad shape. Noble avenue, which is the main artery for a large portion of East Bridgeport, is full of gullies and chasms and is strewn with loose stones from its junction with Barnum avenue all the way up to Beardsley Park. These streets all carry heavy traffic, but are only a few of the high-ways which have been permitted to fall into a state of ruinous disrepair. Because of the negligence with which these highways have been handled it will cause hundreds of thousands of dollars to put them into repair, and two or three times as much as it would have cost had the repairs been reasonably made.

WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A CANDIDATE IS SHOWN IN RETURNS

It cost Assistant Town Clerk Clarence E. Winton and Assistant Town Clerk Frank Braithwaite \$25 each to be elected as justices of the peace, while it cost Horace H. Jackson \$10 only, to be a candidate for comptroller.

Clarence Winton and Braithwaite were elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Jackson was defeated. He was the Progressive party candidate. Under the corrupt practices act all candidates except those for justices of the peace must file a sworn statement of their campaign expenses within 15 days after election.

However, Winton, and Braithwaite were permitted to contribute \$25 to the campaign fund, for that is where they say the money went. Both hold good jobs in the city hall. And there is another reason. Scarcely a day passes but some loving couple wanders into the city hall seeking an official who may perform a marriage ceremony. A five dollar bill is the usual fee for ceremonies of this character, and as "Cooney" Winton holds down the desk where the marriage licenses are issued, just naturally he has the best chance on such occasions. Both he and Mr. Braithwaite expect to get the campaign contributions back with interest before long.

Mr. Jackson filed his expense account with the town clerk by mistake today. He was a candidate for state office and his account should have gone to the secretary of the state.

Representative-elect Robert G. DeForest spent \$13 for postage, mailing and printing, and gave \$5 to the campaign fund. Louis A. Skinner, Republican candidate for representative, did not spend anything in his effort to be elected.

Hanford B. Porter, the candidate of the Socialist party for member of the board of education, spent \$1 in a contribution to the campaign fund and \$2.65 for advertising.

ASKS JURYMEN TO GIVE HIM \$2,000 FOR INJURED FOOT

Frank McQueney of this city appeared before Judge Scott and a jury in the common pleas court today to testify in a \$2,000 suit against the American Tube & Stamping Co. He seeks to recover damages for a broken bone in his foot. He alleges that he was employed at the plant to help in building a stack. While thus employed a heavy weight dropped from a crane and crushed the plaintiff's foot. He claims negligence but the company says McQueney was guilty of contributory negligence. The trial had not been finished at press hour.

TILYOU ARRESTED FOR TAPPING GAS MAIN AT CONEY IS.

New York, Nov. 5.—George C. Tilyou, proprietor of Steeplechase Park, at Coney Island, and leasee of Steeplechase Island, Bridgeport, was paroled for further examination when arraigned in the Coney Island police court yesterday on the charge of tapping a gas main. The information against Tilyou is to the effect that a gas main supplying a big bathing pavilion on his property, has been tapped, ahead of the meter.

Orville Greenbush has reported to the police that someone stole his bicycle last night from the rear door of his home at 136 East Main street.

MEXICAN BATTLE SPOILS HUNTING ON RIO GRANDE

Del Rio, Tex., Nov. 5.—There was fighting yesterday near the American border between Carranza and Villa troops about five miles up the Rio Grande from here, according to American hunters arriving here today. Attempting to hunt in Mexico, they were ordered back by Mexicans who informed them there was a battle in progress.

SIX MEN DIE IN TENEMENT HOUSE BLAZE

New York, Nov. 5.—Six men were burned to death, some of them in their sleep, in a fire which swept through a four-story lodging house at 252 Eighth avenue this morning. Fifty men were sleeping in the structure when the fire was discovered. Firemen made many thrilling rescues. Most of the six men who escaped were taken down from the fire-escapes by firemen by means of extension ladders. The night watchman saw smoke on the ground floor and ran to the top floor, shouting the alarm. Before he reached the head of the stairs flames were shooting out the second story windows. In a few seconds a dozen or more men stood on the fire-escapes in imminent danger of being burned to death. Inside the building a score of sleepers were overcome in bed. The bodies of the six men who perished were found on the fire-escapes. The mattresses had been buried, frightfully charred and beyond recognition.

There is no doubt that they died in bed, unprepared for the danger. There is little doubt that they would have gone the same way but for the quick work of the firemen. More than a dozen of those rescued were unconscious. Fifteen men on the top floor, nervous and panicky, were quieted by firemen and crawled perilously along a narrow ledge to a window of a building adjoining.

Within 30 minutes the fire was out.

Big Fire in Quebec. Quebec, Nov. 5.—Fire in the factory of C. B. Bouchard, shoe manufacturer, menaced the entire factory section of Quebec this forenoon and brought all the fire-fighting apparatus in the city to the scene. The flames were quickly under control. Four hundred workmen in the factory escaped without injury. At the time it was feared that many would be cut off by the flames.

The damage will approximate \$30,000.

NO PARLOR CARS ON "NEW HAVEN" FOOTBALL TRAINS

Folks who are accustomed to traveling luxuriously and expect to go to New Haven by rail Nov. 20, will not travel in special or private cars. They will not even be able to travel in parlor cars, even long before and long after the game. In past years as many as 400 special cars have been handled at these games, and the average has not fallen below 300 for a considerable period.

This year, however, the New Haven road management is sending to all applicants for special cars the following memorandum:

Large to hold between 55,000 and 75,000 people, and the demand for transportation will undoubtedly be much in excess of any previous year. In view of this the company has concluded that it would be out of the question to attempt parlor car or special service from New York during the morning rush, or from New Haven in the period when the returning travel is heaviest.

"Under this arrangement any special cars from New York will have to move the day previous, or at least in time for arrival at New Haven before 8 a. m. on the day of the game. Under the same arrangement it will not be possible for private cars to leave New Haven after the game before 8 p. m."

Three hundred special cars are equal to about twenty-five regular trains.

Constitutionalist Soldiers Will Get More Than \$1,000,000

Mexico City, Nov. 5.—Under the terms of a general order issued by the military commander today, more than \$1,000,000 will be distributed immediately among soldiers of the constitutional army who saw active service during the recent campaigns. The order says that the money is given as a bounty for valor.

AWAKES MINUS HIS WATCH AND BANKROLL

William H. Morton of 303 Dixwell avenue, New Haven, came down to Bridgeport today to "see the city," leaving home on the 4:43 o'clock train. He saw the city, walking up this noon minus his hat, watch and \$30 in bills. Admission was made that he had a bottle of beer and a number of cocktails. He thought that the beer was responsible for his condition. Captain of Detectives Arnold heard his story and extended sympathy.

WRECKERS RAZE BUILDINGS AT STEEPCCHASE

City Planner Nolen's Men Survey Abandoned Resort As Possible Park Site

RECLAIMED LUMBER SHIPPED TO CONEY

Tilyou Takes Advantage of Opportunity to Remove Amusement Structures

Active work in demolishing what was once the pleasure resort of this city began at Steeplechase Island early this week when George C. Tilyou sent a corps of building wreckers to the city to take down every building owned by his amusement company. Beginning at the south end of the island the wreckers have already torn down the bathing pavilion completely and are now engaged in taking down the big dance hall. The lumber reclaimed from Steeplechase Island will be used at the big Steeplechase at Coney Island, the schooner William Buckley already having carried 130,000 feet of lumber on its first trip from Bridgeport last Tuesday. It is estimated that except for the McMahon cottage and a few poplar trees the entire spot will be leveled by the middle of the winter. Arrangements are being made to take down the towers on the dance hall intact, shipping them to New York on a barge.

Members of City Planner Nolen's staff were yesterday engaged in taking photographs of the spot as it now looks, and in plotting a diagram of the south shore as far as Stratford. It is understood that they will recommend the purchase of Steeplechase for a city park, and diagrams already under way show that a boulevard will be projected along the shore to Stratford, while the salt meadows lying just inside are plotted for manufacturing sites.

It is rumored that the owners of the island will offer the property to manufacturing interests in parcels to suit. Whether the bridge connecting the island with the mainland will be removed is a matter of question today. It is said that George C. Tilyou is the owner and that he has given orders for its removal when all other buildings have been torn down. Should the city decide upon the purchase of the spot as a recreation resort it will probably acquire the approach from Mr. Tilyou.

REPUBLICANS SPLIT OVER WHO SHALL SUCCEED MILLER

Lively Row Develops In Fifth District—Naylor's Friends Threaten to Disrupt District Club.

A fine little contest that threatens to disrupt the Fifth District Republican club has developed over who shall succeed Paul L. Miller in the board of aldermen. Attorney Miller, who was elected judge of probate on the Republican ticket, has still one more year to serve. When the common council organizes on the 1st of December, Miller's resignation will be read, and the other aldermen will elect his successor.

It had been arranged by workers in the district that E. J. Naylor should succeed Mr. Miller. Now friends of Robert N. Blakeslee, former treasurer of the Post Publishing company, are urging that he be chosen to succeed.

The Republicans did not expect to elect a judge of probate. If they had Mr. Miller would not have had the nomination. But it had been among the Fifth district Republican workers that it by any chance Mr. Miller was elected that Mr. Naylor should succeed him in the board of aldermen.

This agreement appears to have been perfectly acceptable to all Republicans in the district until last night when Mr. Blakeslee's candidacy was announced. Immediately there was a storm of protest from the friends of Mr. Naylor. Several of them went to the club room last night and declared that if Mr. Blakeslee's name was not withdrawn they would resign from the club. These district Republican clubs while apparently active organizations are the bane of the existence of the Republican town committee. None of them is self supporting and Town Chairman Robinson is continually at his wits' end to keep them financed. The defection of a number of members would be a serious thing even in the Fifth district club, where there is a substantial Republican majority.

The men who are opposing Mr. Blakeslee claim to have nothing personal in their opposition but they think the place belongs to Mr. Naylor if he cares to take it. They say Mr. Naylor has been an active Republican and at every election he gives the use of his automobile and his personal services about the polls without charge. For this reason they think Mr. Naylor is entitled to the place.

Mr. Blakeslee is now a member of the library board. It is said that neither he nor Mr. Naylor are particularly anxious for the opportunity to write "alderman" before their names.

THE WEATHER

Fair Tonight and Friday; Cold-Tonight.

WALKER WILL BE LIEUTENANT OF POLICE DEPT.

Sergeant Slated for Advancement, Now That End of Deadlock Has Come

COMMISSIONERS ARE PICKING NEW TIMBER

Preparing to Elect Ten New Patrolmen at Meeting of Board in Few Days

James Walker, sergeant of police, will be named lieutenant at the meeting of the police commissioners on November 14. The long delayed appointment of a lieutenant and 10 patrolmen, in accordance with a vote of the common council in the spring, is to be carried out now.

Sergeant John E. McGirr has been a candidate against Sergeant Walker for the lieutenantcy. Commissioners and Murphy wanted to see Sergeant McGirr named. Commissioner Brown wants Walker. Because of this deadlock the appointments of all have been delayed and the Republicans succeeded in holding them over until election.

Four Democrats are certain of appointment as patrolmen at this meeting of the commissioners. They are Thomas Meehan, a pattern maker living at 1326 Seaview avenue in the 12th district; George Fitzgerald, a tinsmith, living at 60 Cedar street; George A. Washburn, a brakeman, living at 195 French street; and Charles R. Plans, a barber, living at 730 Railroad avenue. Commissioner Murphy, it is said, intends to name both McGirr and a Democrat, of the Second district.

On the Republican side the candidates have not yet been decided on and it is said this is one of the reasons for the delay in the appointments. The patrolman who is to be appointed to sergeant has not yet been selected but he will be a Democrat.

Thomas F. Quinn, of 131 Orchard street, secretary of the Ninth District Republican club, and Daniel Fitzgibbon, a machinist of Brooks street are disputing for one of the Republican appointments.

The other four Republicans have not yet been picked for each voting district has two or more candidates. As there are but ten appointments and only five can be Republicans, the leaders will settle this week who are to have the places.

CUNNINGHAM WILL BE DEPUTY SHERIFF

County Sealer Sure to Get Badge Under New Official—Peace Besieged By Applicants.

County Sealer Thomas J. Cunningham is sure to be appointed a deputy sheriff by Sheriff-elect Pease, according to the rumors in political circles today. When seen today Sealer Cunningham refused to admit that he would hold the position. "I'll be perfectly frank with you," he said, "and tell you I don't know a thing about it." Sheriff-elect Pease was equally reticent.

"It's too early to say anything about appointments yet," he declared. "I have a number of good men to consider and I must weigh their qualifications carefully before making a choice."

It is pointed out by Cunningham's friends that he is deserving of recognition. He has always been a worker for Republican success. He was for many years a city sheriff and later was appointed a deputy by former Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley to succeed the late Peter Doolan.

About a year ago he was named county sealer. During the campaign which has just closed, Cunningham was of great assistance to the sheriff-elect. He accompanied Pease in his tours of the county and did effective work among the voters.

In spite of the fact that the election returns have hardly had time to grow cold, office seekers are already besieging the sheriff-elect. They want to be deputies or else they hanker to get on the payroll as attaches at the county jail. Friends of applicants have also appeared in large numbers.

The newly elected sheriff will have a difficult time restoring harmony in the ranks of those who want to be deputies. In several towns there are lively battles in progress. Newtown has three or four candidates, of whom former Deputy Charles Johnson is the most prominent. The same situation exists in other places and the utmost diplomacy will be required to keep peace.

"NOT GUILTY," SAYS BILLARD

New York, Nov. 5.—This afternoon John L. Billard entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging him with conspiracy. He also gave bail in the sum of \$5,000. He was the 58th man to plead.

Arrangements have been completed by the Fairfield Girls' club for a dance in Sherman hall, Fairfield, tomorrow night. A large number of invitations have been sent out.

GREAT BRITAIN FORMALLY DECLARES WAR ON TURKEY

Last Minute News Of The War

London, Nov. 5.—A despatch from Sofia to the Times says: "The Bulgarian government has received formal assurance that the Greek government is determined to maintain neutrality and has refrained from ordering a mobilization."

Paris, Nov. 5.—President Poincare has sent a letter to War Minister Millerand in which he declares that after a long series of violent engagements, the allies have repulsed the desperate attacks of the enemy.

Paris, Nov. 5.—A late official communication from the Russian government to the Havas Agency says: "The losses sustained by the Germans on the East Prussian front is considerable. Of certain companies only 80 men remain."

Havre, France, Nov. 5.—The Belgian government issued the following statement: "The Belgian advanced detachments which progressed as far as Lombaertzyde towards the Yser between Saint George Capelle and Tervaele, continued their advance with great difficulty owing to poor roads and the inundated country."

Great Britain Annexes Isle Of Cyprus Owned By Turkey

London, Nov. 5.—Great Britain today formally annexed the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean, which nominally formed a part of the Turkish empire. The island, since the Anglo-Turkish convention of 1878, had been occupied and administered by Great Britain though it had remained under the suzerainty of the Sultan.

It was necessary to appropriate the island in order that proper provision might be made for its government and for its protection.

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NEW ROUTE TO COAST TOWNS MAY BE NEXT GERMAN MOVE

London, Nov. 5.—Although England continued today to await with some uneasiness official news as to the fate of certain of her warships in the Pacific which were engaged last Sunday with a German fleet off the coast of Chili, this anxiety has been in a measure counter balanced by the apparently favorable situation of the allied arms-both in the eastern and western arenas.

The first German rush for the French coast having been checked, the news of the next few days will determine the correctness or the falsity of the predictions as to the seriousness of the renewed German attempt to get to the coast by a more southerly route. There was nothing in the reports from West Flanders during the forenoon to indicate the trend of the new German attack, although Ypres continued to figure in the despatches as the military key against which the Germans proposed to deliver their hardest blows.

Opinion here is divided as to whether this fresh attempt to open a way to the channel will rival in intensity the struggle along the Yser. Some British optimists hold that the apparent exhaustion of the Germans is an indication that they are really planning to fall back as they did before Paris on the entrenchments they have been so carefully preparing everywhere back of their lines. If this does occur it will mean another period of siege warfare along the entire front in Belgium and France, a condition which probably will persist until one side or the other starts off on a new tangent as did the Germans in their coastal attempt, thus creating some new sort of a stalemate.

In the meanwhile, the indications are that naval operations will daily become more prominent, particularly as Turkey's entrance into the situation widens the field for such operations.

BATTLE OFF CHILI SHOWED BRAVERY OF BRITISH TARS

London, Nov. 5.—The Times today under date of Valparaiso prints the report of Admiral Von Speer regarding the fight between British and German cruisers off the Chilean coast Sunday night which report, the despatch says, was made to the Chilean authorities.

The Times' despatch says that it is believed all aboard the Monmouth were last and also relates that the German officers testified to the great gallantry of the crew of the Monmouth which, while in a sinking condition, attempted to ram one of the German vessels. The universal opinion in Valparaiso is that the German squadron had been well provided with wireless information while the contrary was the case with the British squadron.

To Foreclose On Bridgeport Yacht Club

The Bridgeport Yacht club, the home of so many society functions for past years, is soon to be foreclosed. Louis B. Powe, trustee, has brought proceedings and the superior court tomorrow will be asked to allow a foreclosure. Interest in the club has been waning in recent years.

Dr. Krause Conscious As Surgeons Operate

Dr. Edward C. Krause, for seven years ambulance surgeon at the emergency hospital, and of late engaged in practice of his profession in this city, underwent a serious operation at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday.

Dr. Krause went under the knife, perfectly conscious, having subjected himself to local anesthesia. The operation was for umbilical hernia. His condition today was reassuring. Dr. C. C. Godfrey and Dr. J. P. Deery performed the operation.

Speaker Champ Clark commenting upon the election results said they were not a rebuke to the Wilson administration, but "just one more thing that could happen during these days of European war."

King George Signs Proclamation Today Announcing Hostilities, and Ottoman Empire Takes Similar Action—Severe Fighting Takes Place Along Sultan's Frontier.

Briton Still Stunned By Losses In Naval Battle Off Chili—German Cruiser Is Reported Sunk In Indian Ocean—Kaiser's Army Starts Campaign for New Route to Channel Ports.

No British warships are in Chilean ports. The fate of three British cruisers that engaged five German warships off the coast of Chili and the transport that accompanied them remains a mystery.

On this mystery is based the British hope that one more of their vessels survived the action. A despatch from Santiago today disposes of an earlier report that the British cruiser Glasgow and the transport Otranto had been bottled up in Chilean waters by the German cruisers Leipzig and Bremen. The whereabouts of the two latter cruisers is also in doubt. Of the nine vessels that figured in the naval battle, only the German warships Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Nürnberg have been definitely accounted for. After coming into Valparaiso they again sailed.

Nor was there any word today of the British battleship Canopus, which the admiralty says had been sent to strengthen Rear Admiral Craddock's squadron. There is nothing to indicate that she arrived in time to participate in the fight.

War Against Turkey

Great Britain has declared war on Turkey and the Ottoman government, despite dissensions in the cabinet, is definitely committed to hostilities against Great Britain, Russia, France and Serbia. While Turkey becomes in effect an ally of the Teutonic alliance she is strictly speaking waging an independent war upon Russia because of an alleged attack upon her by the Russian navy and upon the country involved because of their espousal of the Russian cause.

The new drive for the sea coast of heavily reinforced German forces in Belgium has been met by a counter offensive of the also augmented armies of the allies in the vicinity of the Ypres.

"The Franco-British lines have at no place drawn back," says the afternoon French official statement, "and our troops undertaking the offensive have made notable progress in several directions."

It is declared that the allies have made slight progress to the east of Ypres and that the German attacks from Dixmude to the Lys are being made with less energy. Renewed German activity is reported on the center without notable change and on the right of the allies the situation remains deadlocked.

The Russian war office announces that Russian troops have entered Turkish Armenia, defeated the Turks and occupied four towns. The Russians claim that the Germans are falling back not only in Russian Poland but also on the Russian frontier and that Russian troops have penetrated at points on the east Prussian border. It is asserted that the Austrians are being delivered.

GREAT BRITAIN AT WAR WITH TURKEY

London, Nov. 5.—It was officially announced in London today that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Turkey.

The proclamation to this effect, which subsequently was gazetted, reads as follows:

"Owing to hostile acts committed by Turkish forces under German officers, a state of war exists between Great Britain and Turkey from today and all proclamations and orders in council issued with reference to the state of war between Great Britain and Germany and Austria shall apply to the state of war between Great Britain and Turkey."

A privy council was held in Buckingham Palace this morning to discuss the question. At its conclusion, King George signed the documents proclaiming the state of war and the announcement was made.

James W. Wadsworth, Sr., was one of the heaviest winners on the election. He bet \$25,000 at odds of 3 to 1 that his son would be elected United States senator from New York, and won \$75,000.